

Application No. 10/018,808

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 of September 3, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on line 2, at page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates generally to washable, polymerizable compositions. More particularly, the present invention relates to such compositions curable through mechanisms, such as anaerobic[,] and heat, [curing] for use as impregnation sealants.

Kindly also replace the paragraph beginning on line 7, at page 2, with the following amended paragraph:

To remove excess sealant from impregnated articles, agitated rinse times of significant duration are required. The actual rinse time will depend upon, among other things, the nature of the article, such as porosity, and the washability of the uncured sealant in an aqueous solution. Often such rinse operations are from about five to about twenty minutes, but actual rinse times [may] for any particular article may be even longer in duration. In addition, chemicals, such as surfactants or detergents, may also be added to the aqueous solution to facilitate the removal of sealant deposits.

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Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on line 13, at page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

U.S. Patent No. 4,416,921 to Dunn describes a heat-curing sealant composition which contains a polymerizable acrylic monomer, an azonitrile and [a] an anionic or nonionic surfactant to render the composition self-emulsifying upon mixing with water.